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Detroit VA Healthcare System to Partner with Suits for Soldiers for Veteran Event

Organization to distribute professional clothing at medical center on December 16, 2013

(Detroit) One of the most difficult aspects of job hunting is making sure you have appropriate clothing for job interviews. On **Monday, December 16, 2013**, the Detroit VA Healthcare System will join Suits for Soldiers, a Michigan-based non-profit organization, in distributing business attire to interested Veterans.

The initiative will take place at the medical center, **10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., in room B1290** on the first floor. The clothing will be given to Veterans who register for VA health care at the event, seek assistance with their resumes, or sign up to attend a Saturday, March 1, 2014, hiring event, which will also be held at the medical center. Veterans should plan to bring their resumes for review and assistance. Suits for Soldiers will collect the resumes, review them and get in touch with the Veteran following the event.

“We are thrilled to join Suits for Soldiers for this program,” said Dr. Melva Coleman, *Coordinator* of the OEF/OIF/OND program at the medical center. “They share our goal in making sure Veterans have access to tools that will allow them the opportunity to get a job. Not only are we giving them clothing, but we are also making sure they have good resumes and interview skills. A great follow-up to the December 16th event will be ‘Welcome Home 2014: A Hiring Fair for Veterans’ which is planned for March 1st here at the medical center.”

Suits for Soldiers has committed to give away more than 1,000 suits/business attire in the next two months. Both men’s and women’s suits are available.

“This event is the first of two important events we will hold here,” said Dr. Coleman. “In March, our job fair and Welcome Home event will allow Veterans to visit with employers, interview, on-site and receive medical exams.”

For more information on Suits for Soldiers, please visit www.suitsforsoldiers.org.

Since 1939, the Detroit VA Medical Center has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. In 1996, the medical center moved from Allen Park, Michigan to the current location in Detroit. The John D. Dingell VAMC located in Detroit, Michigan is one of the newest VA facilities in the country. We consider it our privilege to serve the health care needs of our Veterans. Services are available to more than 330,000 Veterans living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. This population represents approximately forty-four percent of the Veteran population in the lower peninsula of Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.va.gov>.

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